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Dear Friends and Partners:

A wise member of my staff at UCI once said to me, "If you stick around long enough, you might get something done." With a great staff and Board at University Circle Inc., along with a terrific team of University Circle institutions and community partners, I have the great fortune to be working every day with a group of innovators who are getting things done in Cleveland and are transforming the University Circle district into a world class place.

Over the last seven years we've built or renovated more than 700 homes in University Circle. We've leveraged the comeback of our main street into a \$2 billion dollar district investment yield on Euclid Avenue. We've worked with the Cleveland Metropolitan School District to provide over 100,000 school visits for children who do not have a field trip budget at their local school. We've applied innovative community policing that enables more than 2 million visitors to enjoy a clean, safe, and attractive district every year. And working with philanthropic supporters, we've drawn more than 150,000 annual visitors to our free outdoor events for people to experience with their friends and families.

So much happens every day in University Circle. Just this week, we opened the new Courtyard by Marriott hotel in the Circle built by Cleveland construction trades creating more than 50 new jobs in our community. The development happened on a vacant UCI lot that we transformed with our partners. For as many spaces we've transformed and for as many jobs produced, there are as many more to go.

We are not yet finished with the job at hand. Yesterday the Executive Committee of the Board of University Circle Inc. extended my contract for a period commensurate with our 2016 action plan. I am grateful for the opportunity and, as such, do not intend to seek the open seat for Cuyahoga County Executive in 2014. It continues to be humbling to be considered a candidate for the office I have supported since its inception. I believe we are off to a good start with the new county government and I will do everything to support the positive momentum we have going.

On behalf of myself and my family, I want to thank the many friends and supporters who encouraged me to run for the County Executive seat. I am truly grateful for your advice and support.

It's both a privilege and a joy to work with you every day for the betterment of our community. I remain committed to building on our partnerships to advance our community together.

Sincerely,

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